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REMARKS

In the aforementioned Office Action, the Examiner reiterated the objection to the specification for various informalities. By this amendment, the identified informalities have been corrected. Entry of the specification as amended is respectfully requested.

In the same Office Action, the Examiner maintained the previous rejection on claims 1-15 as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over *Szczutkowski et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 4,757,536) in view of *Kolze et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,285,681) and further in view of *Mahany* (U.S. Patent No. 6,018,555).

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's positions. However, to expedite prosecution and without acquiescing to the Examiner's positions, by this amendment, Applicants adopt the Examiner's suggestion of including the limitation of defining the term "the preamble channel" in the claims. Specifically, in each of the independent claims 1, 9, 13, 14 and 15, the preamble channel is further defined as "separate from a traffic channel." In the rejection, the Examiner quoted the definition from the IEEE dictionary and stated that a channel can be separated by time division or frequency division. Nevertheless, none of the cited references teach separating the preamble information and the traffic content to different channels, be it via time division or frequency division. For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the amended claims are amply distinguishable over the prior art. Nevertheless, in the event that the amendment still fails to convince the Examiner, Applicants respectfully request that the amended claims be entered for purpose of appeal.

In light of the above amendment and remarks, claims 1-15 as amended are submitted to be patentable over the prior art. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

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